Tox-A-Way Every Day

(Tuesday through Saturday)

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Summary

Five-day-a-week drop-off program at a site donated by the City of Mishawaka and staffed by city employees under a cooperative arrangement with the Solid Waste Management District of St. Joseph County.

Start date/hours

Began in August 1994; operates Tuesday through Saturday, 9 am. to 3 pm.

Cost

Budgeted at \$40,000 for the first year of operation.

Program Description

The HHW collection program of the Solid Waste Management District of St. Joseph County is one of the leading programs in Indiana in terms of the amount of material collected. The five-day-per-week service, although new, is an outgrowth of smaller-scale programs which have given HHW management a fairly high profile in the community.

The first collection programs in the area were held on three Saturdays in May 1990, sponsored by the Health Department of the City of South Bend. Two collections were held in South Bend, one in Mishawaka, and 26 tons of HHW was processed altogether. The \$30,000 management cost was covered entirely by donations. The following year a monthly collection was established — third Saturdays, March through October. This operated through October 1993 and became well known and patronized. On the final Saturday of the 1993 season, 500 cars arrived with various quantities of HHW. During that single day of collection, 24 tons of material was received and processed — possibly a state record for a single day.

In 1994, the responsibility for HHW service shifted to the Solid Waste Management District of St. Joseph County. The program that has since developed illustrates how local governments, working together, can respond to community needs in a prompt and efficient manner. In this instance, the City of Mishawaka and the Solid Waste District have cooperated in establishing and developing a site; staffing and training workers; and contracting for disposal of HHW.

Mishawaka donated the use of the site — an unused portion of city property adjacent to an old but still active dumping ground for tree trimmings and brush (now being used in part for chipping and composting). Then: The district bought the

fence and the city installed it; the district bought gravel and the city spread it: the district installed a concrete pad; the city installed storm drainage on the perimeter. The city assigned two Street Department workers to HHW, the district trained them, and the two governmental units now share the personnel expense of two fulltime employees. The district is planning to replace a temporary shelter at the collection site with a permanent structure.

Worker training and all HHW disposal logistics are being handled by Safety & Environmental Resources Co., a South Bend firm.

The new, 5-day, 30-hour-per-week HHW drop-off service began on August 10, 1994. During the next three weeks, 397 customers brought in15 tons of material including 29 drums of paint and solvents for fuel blending; 1,400 gallons of used motor oil; and miscellaneous smaller quantities of things like pool chemicals, photo processing chemicals, household and car batteries, aerosols — even a few pounds of mercury.

If demand for service continues at the initial pace, the new program will easily exceed forecast 100 tons for the first year. It also seems certain that overall program costs, budgeted at \$40,000, will be exceeded.

REGISTRATION-CERTIFICATION FORM USED IN ST. JOSEPH COUNTY PROGRAM

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		Collection Program
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		Waste
		P.O. Box 1677
ADDRESS		South Bend,
		Indiana
PHONE		

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